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In the Claims:

In accordance with Proposed Rule 121, please accept Claims 1-6 as shown in attached Exhibit A (Complete Listing of All Claims).

REMARKS

In the aforementioned Final Office Action, the Examiner has also rejected Claims 1-3 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by the Gal reference, and claims 4-5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for being unpatentable over the Gal reference.

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